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: Test Animal for Atherosclerosis Model and

Methods for Testing and Screening

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add the following abstract.

--Abstract of the Disclosure

A test animal useful in an animal model system for atherosclerosis, wherein the test animal is a no-human mammal susceptible to the induction of atherosclerosis which carries a vessel-restricting device applied to at least one of its blood vessels. A method for testing the (anti-)atherosclerotic effect of a substance, diet or treatment in an animal model system for atherosclerosis, comprising subjecting a test animal according to the invention to a test treatment with the substance, diet or